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BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT  
WASHINGTON, DC 20240-0001

The Honorable Mark S. Ells  
Town Manager  
Town of Barnstable  
367 Main Street  
Hyannis, Massachusetts 02601

Dear Mr. Ells:

Thank you for your letter dated September 10, 2024, sharing the concerns of the Town of Barnstable and its residents regarding the Vineyard Wind 1 Offshore Wind Project.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is coordinating closely with the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), which is the lead federal agency investigating the Vineyard Wind 1 blade incident. BOEM and BSEE are also coordinating with our other federal partners, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the lessee, Vineyard Wind 1 LLC, to review all aspects of our procedures in response to lessons learned from the incident.

BOEM values the perspective of the Town of Barnstable and would like to offer a virtual briefing to discuss BOEM's and BSEE's processes for offshore wind development, as well as our actions in response to the Vineyard Wind 1 blade incident.

We welcome public input on offshore wind energy development projects and believe that such development must be done responsibly and in collaboration with our local stakeholders. Part of BOEM's mission is to pursue the development of offshore renewable energy in an environmentally and economically responsible way. We are committed to the responsible stewardship of U.S. offshore resources, including protecting the environmental and cultural resources of our stakeholder communities.

We look forward to additional opportunities to engage with the Town of Barnstable. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Stephen Boutwell, Chief of the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 679-3438 or [stephen.boutwell@boem.gov](mailto:stephen.boutwell@boem.gov).

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Klein  
Director